

BASIC NEEDS

Food, Housing, Shelter, Clothing, & Transportation

Human Services Center of Anoka County Intake (763) 422-7200
1201 89th Ave NE, Blaine 55434. Multiple services available.

Sharing & Caring Hands (612) 338-4640
www.sharingandcaringhands.org. 525 North 7th Street, Minneapolis 55405. Provide shelter, meals, food, dental, beds, eyeglass vouchers and many other services that help low-income families. Photo IDs required. Open Mon-Thurs 10:00 am – 11:00 am and 12:00 pm-1:15 pm.

Food

Anoka County Economic Assistance (SNAP/Food Support).....(763) 422-7200
Call for information on SNAP (Food Support), cash assistance, healthcare services & child support. M-F, 8:15 am-4:00 pm. All services are by appointment only. 1201 89th Ave NE, Blaine 55434

Bridge To Benefits www.bridgetobenefits.org
Find out if you qualify for public programs that can help stretch your family budget. Information on how and where to apply, printable applications, and more available online.

Family Table: Free meal open to everyone at the following Anoka County churches:

Anoka	Mount Olive Lutheran Church , 700 Western St.....(763) 421-3223 Every Wednesday, 5:30 pm-6:15 pm.
Andover	Grace Lutheran Church , 13655 Round Lake Blvd (763) 421-6520 Third Sunday, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm – Drive-thru.
Blaine	Blaine United Methodist Church , 621 115 th Ave NE (763) 757-2170 Call for days and times. Gift of Plenty.
Coon Rapids	Faith Lutheran Church , 11115 Hanson Blvd NW..... (763) 755-3530 First Thursday, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Dine in /Drive up. Unity North Spiritual Center , 11499 Martin St NW..... (763) 754-6489 Fourth Thursday, 5:00 pm, January through October. www.unitynorthmn.org
Fridley	Fridley United Methodist Church , 680 Mississippi St NE.....(763) 571-1526 Fourth Saturday, Dine In 11:30 am -12:30 pm Drive Thru 12 – 12:30 pm. www.fridleyumc.org Redeemer Church , 61 Mississippi Way NE(763) 574-7445 Third Monday, 5:45 pm – 6:30 pm

Fare For All..... (763) 450-3880
www.fareforall.org. A non-profit distribution program open to everyone, regardless of income. No registration required. Food packages of frozen meat, fruits and vegetables are offered at a savings of 40% off retail. For all locations and times, visit the website or call.

- Grace Evangelical Free Church, Grocery Distribution.....(763)784-7199**
www.gracefree.org; Second Harvest grocery distribution at Grace Evangelical Free Church, 755 73rd Ave NE, Fridley; second Friday of every month 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. In person registration is required from 10 am – 3:30 pm & 4:30 pm – 6:45 pm or until time slips have all been handed out. This is a drive-thru grocery distribution.
- Help at Your Door... (651) 642-1892**
www.helpatyourdoor.org. Provides grocery shopping with delivery, transportation, and homemaker services to seniors and individuals with disabilities so that they can remain independent, safe, and in their own homes. Call for more information or to request services.
- Local Farms and Markets (651) 201-6140**
 Visit Minnesota Department of Agriculture’s (MDA) Minnesota Grown Program & Directory at www.minnesotagrown.com. To find farms and farmers markets near you, search by city or zip code.
- Meals on Wheels/Impact Services (763) 264-4041**
 Provides hot noon meals delivered Monday through Friday to homebound persons who are nutritionally at risk, have a disability, or recovering from a recent hospital stay. Weekend meals may also be available. Serves individuals on County waiver and Alternative Care programs, as well as those paying privately. Serving all of Anoka County and the city of Champlin.
- Minnesota Food Helpline..... (888) 711-1151**
www.hungersolutions.org A program of Hunger Solutions Minnesota. Mon-Fri, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Assists in connecting residents with food resources in their area. Screenings for food assistance programs & multilingual phone assistance available.
- Optage Senior Dining Choices..... (651) 746-8280**
www.optage.org Division of Presbyterian Homes. Locally prepared fresh, fully cooked meals delivered to your home weekly. 60+ fresh/frozen entrees to choose from that can quickly be re-heated in microwave or oven. Friendly, local drivers deliver, help put meals away, and answer questions. Must order a minimum of 5 meals; no delivery charge. Accepts waivers, insurance, title 3 funding, & private pay. Can order by phone or email: orders@optagedining.org.
- School Lunch Program for StudentsSee EDUCATION: School District Offices**
 Free or reduced lunch programs available. Call your child’s school district for more information.
- University of Minnesota Extension, Anoka County (763) 324-3495**
Answer Line (for household questions)..... 1-800-854-1678
www.extension.umn.edu/local/anoka U of M Extension Answer Line has household experts available to answer questions about safely cooking, canning, & freezing foods, cleaning stains & mildew, and other household questions.
- Women, Infants, & Children (WIC), Anoka County..... (763) 324-4230**
 Provides nutrition education & supplemental foods, which promote good health for pregnant, breastfeeding & postpartum women, as well as infants & children up to 5 years of age. Breastfeeding peer counselors and lactation consultants available.

Food Shelves

*Food shelves are available to provide EMERGENCY food supplies at no cost for families experiencing temporary, short-term inability to buy groceries. Some food shelves serve only limited areas, so call to find the one nearest you. Call **United Way 2-1-1** or the **Minnesota Food Helpline** at 763-450-3860 for further assistance.*

Anoka County Brotherhood Council (ACBC)..... (763) 422-0046

2615 9th Ave N, Anoka. Once a month shopping available at the food shelf by appointment only, appointments can be made online 48 hours in advance at www.acbcfoodshelf.com Twice a month fresh produce distributions in the community. Donations accepted: Mon - Thurs 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Centennial Community Food Shelf (763) 784-2013

www.centennialfoodshelf.org. Circle Pines City Hall, Lower Level, 200 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines 55014. Serves everyone. No appointment needed. Can be utilized twice per month. Mon & Thurs 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Closed on holidays.

Community Helping Hand (651) 464-0061

www.communityhelpinghand.org 408 SW 15th St, Forest Lake. Food Shelf, thrift store, financial assistance. Food shelf serves Forest Lake/Chisago school district area only, by appointment only.

Hope Church.....(763) 757-4266

www.hopeforthecommunity.com 1264 109th Ave NE, Blaine 55434. Free food distribution. Contactless Drive Thru Thurs 9:30 am – 5:00 pm.

North Anoka County Emergency (NACE), Inc. (763) 434-7685

NACE serves families in crisis for Northern Anoka County. Assisting the communities of Bethel, East Bethel, Cedar, Ham Lake, Linwood, Oak Grove, St. Francis, Northern Andover, Stacy, and Wyoming addresses that are within Anoka County. Food shelf and clothing hours are Mon 9 am – 12 pm & 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Tues 5 – 8 pm, Wed 1 – 4 pm, and Thurs 9 am – 12 pm.

Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA)..... (763) 789-2444

www.sacafoodshelf.org 627 38th Ave NE, Columbia Heights. Serves Fridley, Spring Lake Park, Hilltop, Columbia Heights. Hours: Mon 9-4, Tues 8-4, Wed 10-6, Thurs 8-3. Call or go online to make an appointment.

Salvation Army (763) 755-6873

www.salvationarmynorth.org 1201 89th Ave NE, Blaine. Serves all of Anoka County. Families can use this resource once every 30 days.

Way of the Lord Food Shelf..... (763) 755-4800

804 131st Ave, Blaine 55434. Second and Fourth Tuesday 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm.

Housing / Household Management

ACCAP, Energy Assistance..... (763) 783-4712

www.accap.org Financial assistance with utility bills for income qualified households.

- ACCAP, Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM)** (763) 783-4851
www.accap.org Matches \$3 for every \$1 you save for 2 years with a maximum of \$4000 of your savings. The total match of \$12,000 can be used toward a down payment for your first home, to continue your education, to purchase a car, or to start up a small business. Call for eligibility and program requirements.
- ACCAP, Foreclosure Prevention** (763) 783-4851
www.accap.org For people who are facing default/foreclosure. We work with your lender to help find you resources.
- ACCAP, Home Ownership Program** (763) 783-4751
www.accap.org Educational Home Ownership Workshops, Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM), Financial Fitness, One to One Counseling, & the Foreclosure Prevention Program. Full cycle service including pre-purchase education & counseling, personal finance, an asset accumulation program, post-purchase follow-up, & foreclosure prevention.
- Anoka County Adult Foster Care** (763) 324-1230
 Adult foster care is a licensed living arrangement in a private home that provides food, lodging, supervision, and household services for qualified individuals who need assistance with everyday personal care due to developmental disability, mental illness, physical disability, or aging.
- Bridge To Benefits** www.bridgetobenefits.org
 Find out if you qualify for public programs that can help stretch your family budget. Information on how and where to apply, printable applications, and more is available online.
- HOME Line** (866) 866-3546 or (612) 728-5767
www.homelinemn.org Provides free and low-cost legal, organizing, education & advocacy services so that tenants throughout Minnesota can solve their own rental housing problems. For renters only. Free and confidential legal hotline for legal advice.
- Housing & Urban Development (HUD)** (612) 370-3000
www.hud.gov Call for information about subsidized rent. Press “0” to speak with an operator.
- Housing Help Desk**..... (763) 324-1490
 A Housing Resource Specialist will provide guidance regarding eligibility criteria for housing resources and public assistance programs such as HUD, Project Based Section 8, economic assistance, community, and shelter resources for those experiencing homelessness. This number is operated during normal county business hours Monday – Friday and is not a crisis line. Email: HousingHelpDesk@anokacountymn.gov
- HousingLink**..... (612) 522-2500
www.housinglink.org A non-profit organization focused on providing information about affordable rental housing options in the Twin Cities seven county metro area. Listings available on Mondays.
- Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA)** (651) 296-8215
www.mnhousing.gov Information about first time homebuyer program & home improvement loan program.

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (612) 540-5660

Habitat houses are sold to qualified buyers needing a decent, affordable place to live. There are two options for down payments: Traditional model of no down payment, and Market model of down payment required. Mortgage payments will be calculated according to the buyer’s income.

Email: intake@tchabitat.org

Weatherization..... (651) 482-8260

Provides no cost assistance to income eligible homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of their dwellings. Works with Energy Assistance Program to promote conservation efforts. Works on walls and attic installations, water heater, furnaces, and lightbulb upgrades.

Recycling / Waste Management

Recycle Technologies..... (763) 785-0456

Provides recycling services for fluorescent lamps, ballast, computers, electronics, batteries, & mercury containing devices. Drop off hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Recycling & Disposal Options..... (763) 324-3400

www.anokacountymn.gov/recycle Call for info on recycling, storage, & disposal of hazardous household products, reducing mail, yard waste management, etc. Also offers recycling education and assists businesses with commercial recycling. Search the Recycling and Disposal Directory to help you find where to recycle, compost or dispose of materials from your household.

Subsidized Housing

Housing & Urban Development (HUD) (612) 370-3000

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Minnesota Field Office, 212 3rd Ave S., #150, Minneapolis 55401. Listed on the following pages are some of the subsidized housing units located in Anoka County. For further information and/or listings, call the HUD office.

Metropolitan Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA)..... (651) 602-1428

Information Line..... (651) 602-1880

Application Line..... (651) 602-1553

390 Robert St N, St. Paul 55101. Section 8 is offered though HRA. Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. HRA serves the suburban areas.

Subsidized Apartments

Abbeyfield Townhouses , Family. 3911 233 rd Ave NW, St. Francis.....	(763) 753-1724
Bridge Square , Seniors. Disabled. 2 Bridge Square, Anoka.....	(763) 421-6772
Columbia Village , Seniors. Crest View Senior Communities, 1675 44 th Ave NE Columbia Heights	(763) 782-1601
Drake Apartments , Family. Handicapped. 10021 NW Drake St, Coon Rapids	(763) 862-7148
Dublin Park Senior Apartments , Seniors. Disabled. 10020 Drake St, Coon Rapids.....	(763) 755-7270
Franklin Lane , Disabled. Seniors 62+. 1827 S Ferry St, Anoka	(763) 427-7650
Galway Place , Family. 11240 Osage St NW, Coon Rapids	(763) 755-0322
Grasslands , Handicapped, Barrier-free. 11740 Xeon Blvd, Coon Rapids	(763) 783-4730
Heights Manor , Seniors. 3850 Stinson Blvd NE, Columbia Heights.	(763) 781-6518
Mississippi View , Family. 11020 Mississippi Blvd, Coon Rapids.....	(763) 427-4700
North Gables , Seniors 62+ community. 654 90 th Lane NE, Blaine.....	(763) 786-0232
Northgate Woods , Seniors. Handicapped. Family. 1530 NE 123 rd Lane, Blaine	(763) 757-9031
Norwood Square , Seniors 62+. Handicapped. 6200 5 th St, Fridley.....	(763) 574-2187
Osborne Apartments , Seniors 62+. Handicapped. 659 Osborne Rd, Spring Lake Park.....	(763) 780- 2169 Also 18+ with wheelchair assistance.
Oxbow Bend , Senior housing and handicapped accessible. 3101 111 th Ave NW, Coon Rapids.....	(763) 427-2022
Parkview Villa , Seniors. Handicapped/Disabled. 965 40 th Ave NE, Columbia Heights.....	(612) 746-0521
Rum River Square Apartments , Seniors 62+. Disabled. 3040 Bridge St NW, St. Francis.....	(844) 442-6000
Sunny Acres , Family. 2701 11 th Ave N, Anoka	(763) 421-7702
Village Green Apartments , Seniors. Family. 460 Mississippi St NE, Fridley	(763) 574-0674
Walker on the River , Seniors 62+. Handicapped accessible. 1906 S Ferry St, Anoka	(763) 421-0434 www.walkermethodist.org

Emergency Shelter/Homelessness

Homeless or At Risk of Becoming Homeless

Anoka County's Coordinated Entry is a HUD initiative to those who may be at-risk of losing their housing, or who are homeless. The Coordinated Entry initiative supports people in matching their housing needs with the appropriate resources. People currently receiving case management services, of any kind, should start by contacting their County Case Manager. The following persons in need, who don't have County Case Management should contact: Single Adults and Families: The Salvation Army 763-755-6873; Youth 24 and under: YMCA 763-493-3052. This is for people who are at risk of losing their housing or who are homeless. It is meant to provide support by matching housing needs with the appropriate resources, as they are available. Immediate resources may not always be available. www.anokacountymn.gov/basicneeds.

Adult Shelter Connect..... (612) 248-2350

Single adults seeking shelter for the night. All shelters are in Minneapolis. It is first come, first serve basis. Hours of phone operation/assistance M-F 10:00 am - 4:30 pm, Sat & Sun 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm. If it is after 10:00 pm, call 2-1-1.

- Alexandra House, Inc., Shelter Program & 24-hour Helpline** (763) 780-2330
www.alexandrahouse.org Emergency shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Free and confidential services include: crisis intervention, advocacy, safety planning, support groups, info and referral, housing, and supportive services. Also provides elderly care.
- Avenues for Homeless Youth** (612) 522-1690
www.avenuesforyouth.org Short-term housing and supportive services for homeless youth.
- Catholic Charities**..... (612) 204-8500
www.cctwincities.org Our charity works to try to prevent poverty, meet basic needs in times of crisis, and creates paths out of poverty. Our shelter services are for men, women, children, and families.
- Family Promise of Anoka** (763) 568-7365
www.familypromiseanoka.org Temporary shelter serving families with minor dependent children. A non-emergency family shelter program.
- Home Free Shelter**Crisis Line (763) 559-4945
Business Line..... (763) 559-9008
Fax(763) 559-6315
 Food, shelter, & clothing provided for battered women with or without children, residents only. Offers support groups. Call 24 hours a day. ‘Home Free Community Program’ serves the NW Hennepin County suburbs and helps women with legal intervention services (763) 545-7080.
- Metro Shelter Hotline**..... 1-888-234-1329
- Stepping Stones Emergency Housing**..... (763) 323-7006
www.steppingstoneeh.org Provides emergency housing (60+ beds) and support to adults experiencing homelessness.
- The Bridge for Youth**..... (612) 377-8800
<https://bridgeforyouth.org> 24/7 emergency shelter for youth ages 10-17. Youth have access to temporary shelter in a welcoming, safe environment, along with support, meals, access to healthcare and case management at no cost. The Bridge is a safe and welcoming place for ALL youth, including youth who identify as BIPOC and LGBTQ+. They also offer emergency shelter and supportive housing for pregnant and parenting youth and their children (ages 0-3).
- Tubman**..... Crisis Line (612) 825-0000
Business Line..... (612) 825-3333
www.tubman.org 1725 Monastery Way, Maplewood 55109. 24-hour resource line and shelter services. East Metro Legal Services focusing on Order for Protections. Youth housing and programs also available.
- Youthlink MN** (612) 252-1200
www.youthlinkmn.org Youthlink is the host site of the Youth Opportunity Center, specifically for youth experiencing homelessness ages 16 to 24.

Clothing

- Anoka County Brotherhood Council (ACBC)**..... (763) 422-0046
2615 9th Ave N, Anoka. By Appointment Only by appointment only, appointments can be made online 48 hours in advance at www.acbcfoodshelf.com Open to the public Tuesday & Friday 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Donations accepted: Mon - Thurs 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- BirthRight**.....24-hour hotline 1(800) 550-4900 or 763-757-0715
www.birthright.org/coonrapids Free pregnancy testing, confidential counseling, baby clothes, diapers, and referrals. Call for appointments.
- Community Helping Hand** (651) 464-0061
408 SW 15th St, Forest Lake. Tues - Fri 10 am – 4 pm, Sat 10 am – 2 pm. Food shelf, thrift store, and financial assistance. Thrift store with men’s & women’s clothing, housewares, furniture, & children’s things. Volunteers & donations are greatly appreciated. Apply online at www.communityhelpinghand.org.
- Everyday Miracles** (612) 323-6293
www.everyday-miracles.org Provides pregnancy support for teens, single parents, & low-income families. Offers breast pumps, car seats, classes, and doulas.
- Goodwill Store, Coon Rapids**..... (763) 712-3468
3071 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids 55433. Mon-Fri, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm. Sat 10:00 am – 7:00 pm. Sun 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. Donations accepted during store hours.
- Joseph’s Coat**..... (651) 291-2472
www.josephscoatmn.org 1107 W 7th St, St. Paul. Shopping hours Monday - Thursday 9 am – 3 pm by appointment only.
- North Anoka County Emergency (NACE), Inc.**.....(763) 434-7685
18511 Hwy 65 NE, East Bethel 55011. Clothing is available at no cost to families in need. Hours: Mon 9 am – 12 pm & 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Tues 5 – 8 pm, Wed 1 – 4 pm, and Thurs 9 am – 12 pm.
- Salvation Army** (763) 755-6873
www.salvationarmynorth.org Provides clothing vouchers to eligible Anoka County residents. Call for appointment. One-time emergency assistance with diapers.
- Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA)**..... (763) 789-2444
www.sacafoodshelf.org 627 38th Ave NE, Columbia Heights. Serves Fridley, Spring Lake Park, Hilltop, Columbia Heights. Hours: Mon 9-4, Tues 8-4, Wed 10-6, Thurs 8-3. Call or go online to make an appointment.

Transportation

- ACCAP, Transportation Solutions** (763) 324-2318
www.accap.org/transportation-solutions Provides car repair, insurance, and licensing grants up to \$700 to low-income Anoka County residents that meet the program’s requirements. Application and additional verification must be complete before eligibility can be determined. Call or email for more details.
irina.astashinsky@anokacountymn.gov

Allina Medical Transportation..... (651) 222-0555

Provides emergency and non-emergency ambulance transportation. Scheduled transportation is available based on the availability of stretcher and wheelchair transportation for those with disabilities or medical needs. MA is accepted.

Anoka County Commute Solutions..... (763) 324-3240

<https://www.anokacountymn.gov/336/Commute-Solutions> A free commuter resource available to help residents, workers and commuters in Anoka County choose sustainable alternatives to driving alone like walking, biking, carpooling, vanpooling, and taking public transportation.

Anoka County MedLink..... (763) 324-3255

<http://www.anokacountymn.gov/medlink> MedLink is a volunteer program providing rides in the volunteer's personal vehicles. It is available for Anoka County residents only who are 60+ or Veterans. Medlink provides rides for medical, dental, or social service appointments only. Transportation provided for Veterans (all ages) to & from VA Hospitals in Minneapolis, Ramsey, Maplewood, and St. Cloud. Call Monday – Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm. There is no charge, however, donations are accepted.

Anoka County Transit (763) 324-3250

Fixed route schedule information from Metro Transit (612) 373-3333

Transit Link reservations & cancellations, Mon- Fri 7:00 am-3:30 pm..... (651) 602-5465

Metro Mobility East Reservations & cancellations, 6 am – 5 pm with holiday availability(651) 602-1120

Metro Mobility Service Center (651)-602-1111

www.anokacountymn.gov/transit Transit Link is a service available in the seven-county metro area. All vehicles are lift equipped. A fare is required.

Cars for Neighbors..... (763) 717-7755

www.carsforneighbors.org Anoka County. Assists people by helping them with transportation through vehicle repair. Mon-Fri 9 am – 5 pm.

DAV Metro Transportation (612) 467-2768

www.davmn.org/our-programs/veteran-transportation Assists veterans in the metro area to get to their appointments at the Minneapolis VA Hospital. Mon-Fri 9 am – 1 pm.

Metro Mobility Service Center (651) 602-1111

Anoka County residents, East Zone..... Appointment Line (651) 602-1120

www.metromobility.org Subsidized, door-to-door transportation service for eligible persons who are disabled. Requires 4-day advance notice for each trip. Call for certification information. Certification can take up to 21 days for approval. All vehicles are wheelchair accessible. Consult website for hours.

Metro Transit (612) 373-3333

www.metrotransit.org All fares full price at peak hours of 6:00 am – 9:00 am & 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Seniors 65+ (with proper identification), youth 6-12, & Medicare cardholders pay reduced fare except during peak hours. Persons with disabilities pay reduced fares for any trip. Must show proof of age. Ride Share program offers carpools and rides 8:00-4:00, must register. Call for information.

Minnesota Non-Emergency Transportation (MNET) 1-866-467-1724

Public transportation provided to clients on Medical Assistance, try to schedule trips three days in advance. Can request ride on www.medicaltrip.net.

- Minnesota Safety Council** (651) 291-9150
www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org Traffic & injury prevention programs & resources.
- Rideshare (Carpool), Metro Transit** (612) 373-3333
www.metrotransit.org/carpool Register through the website to see if there are any carpools or rideshares near you.
- Salvation Army** (763) 755-6873
www.salvationarmynorth.org Provides bus tokens and cards for people who have just started a new job and are waiting on their first check. Must bring verification. Call for an appointment.
- Transportation Plus** (612) 888-8888
www.tplusride.com Mon-Fri 6 am – 6 pm. Weekends call for availability.